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**RECLOSABLE METAL CONTAINER**

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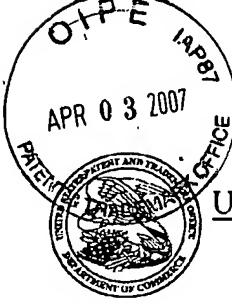
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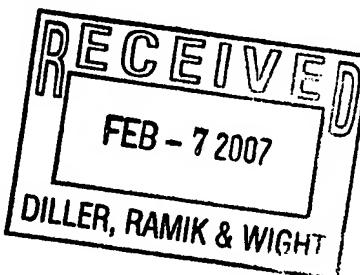


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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP04/13215 11/22/2004

**Foreign Applications**

**If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 01/31/2007**

**The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is US10/581,272**

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**Non-Publication Request: No**

**Early Publication Request: No**

**Title**

Reclosable metal container

**Preliminary Class**

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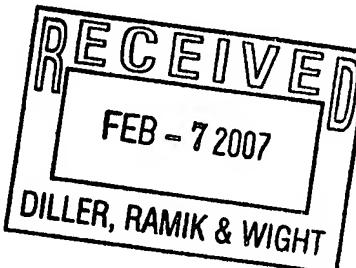


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